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REF : Memorandum from AD/O to AD/RR, dated 17 October 1958, regarding African Broadcast Monitoring.

1. There has been no change during the past year in the "scope, extent, and priorities of our requirements concerning African Broadcast Monitoring". D/M interest in Africa is extremely marginal and, as such, excludes any possible justification of any ██████████ effort in the area.

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2. We would like to take this opportunity to emphasize our feeling that any additional funds that may be available for ██████████ effort can better be spent to improve the volume and timeliness of economic information from the present coverage of the Sino-Soviet Bloc.

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3. There has been an excessive reduction during the past year in economic reporting in the ██████████ that cover the Soviet Bloc. Political coverage apparently has been expanded at the expense of economic coverage.

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4. The economic abstract cards, which are intended to supplement the coverage provided in the ██████████ are currently being received three months late. It is our understanding that the economic abstract cards should be in the hands of the analysts not more than six weeks after the date of the broadcast. Economic abstract cards on Communist China are currently being received eighteen weeks following the broadcast.

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5. In view of the reduction in ██████████ coverage and service for the areas for which D/M is primarily responsible and until adequate coverage and service on the Sino-Soviet Bloc has been established, we have no alternative other than to protest the expansion of ██████████ activities in an area which has relatively little significance for us.

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